

Bridgewater Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 7, 2008

Present: Carver, Faust, Mull, Pike and Riley

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: 2

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. All board members were present with 2 people attending. Agenda was reviewed and approved.

**MOTION**: Moved by Pike, seconded by Riley to approve the minutes of July 10, 2008.  
Passed

Board was updated on the Sewer Financials. The July Financials for the General Fund were given at the July meeting. Sewer Fund has \$208,757 in funds with \$186,000 in the debt retirement, \$7600 in the checking and \$14,700 in the savings. There is currently \$24,000 in income with \$23,000 in approved expenses.

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

A resident asked to clarify if the County collects the back tax bill which has the past sewer fees on it, and when does the Township get the money? Pike clarified.

A resident asked how much the Township has in its current Police Fund and how much we have saved by adding Lodi Township.

A resident thanked Shelly for all her contributions. A resident commented on Political Signs being in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. Clarification was made by the Board to the resident that, after legal consultation was received from our Township Attorney, and Michigan Townships Association legal, the Township Zoning Ordinance has no authority over a sign in the back of a pick up. Also, the Township should not be restricting the residents Political Speech, because it is protected under the 1st amendment. The Ordinance needs to be modified after more recent court cases have rule against such verbiage.

#### **PRIORITY BUSINESS**

1. Police Services Report-Board discussed the options Supervisor prepared for Police Services. Board discussed reducing the millage or possible absorbing any overages to the general fund. Board decided on option D.

**MOTION**: Moved by Pike seconded by Riley to approve Resolution 8-01-08 to put a millage reduction from 1.5 mills to 1.25 on the November Ballot for Police Services, Roll Call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, and Pike Y. Riley Y. Passed

2. Road Commission Projects- Faust updated the Board on current road services fees from the Washtenaw County Road Commission for Hoelzer and Bermeister Rd.

**MOTION**: Moved by Mull seconded by Faust to approve the updated cost from the Washtenaw County Road Commission for the current projects.

Roll Call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, and Pike Y. Riley Y. Passed

3. SMR Updates- Supervisor updated the Board on the Inspection she completed with SMR. All parcels were in compliance with the inspection checklist. Mineral License Board will meet for the next 3 months to bring all parcels under the current Mineral License Ordinance.
4. Manchester District Library Board

**MOTION:** Moved by Mull, seconded by Riley to appoint Karri Cole as the Bridgewater Township representative to the Manchester District Library Board. Passed

#### REPORTS

Written report was received from the Zoning Administrator and MJPC. Faust updated Board on proposed changes in the Zoning Ordinance, flag lots, and the number of driveways allowed on an easement. Board heard reports from Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission that they are finalizing their analysis of the Transportation Plan. Riley gave pricing on iron filter and gutters in the Building Committee report.

**MOTION:** Moved by Carver, seconded by Pike to accept R.D. Kleinschmidt's proposal to replace gutters on the Hall for \$500.

Roll Call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, and Pike Y. Riley Y. Passed

#### Approval of the Bills

Budget Amendment for August-Board discussed a couple of budget items.

**MOTION:** Moved by Pike, seconded by Riley to approve Budget Amendment August to the General Fund.

Roll Call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, and Pike Y. Riley Y. Passed

#### Board discussed the bills.

**MOTION:** Moved by Pike, seconded by Mull to pay General Account bills # 8002-8034 for \$77,520.81 and Sewer Account bills #1139-1142 for \$5777.20.

Roll Call vote Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, and Pike Y. Riley Y. Passed

#### OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Sewer Updates-Linda has resigned as Sewer Billing agent, Riley will look into doing it. Supervisor updated Board members on negotiations with Xela Pack to reduce BOD levels in the sewer. Board discussed letter from Tetra Tech on flaws of sewer plant design. Input from OHM is needed.
2. Ervin Preserve-County will be at PC meeting for site plan approval for revisions to the Ervin Preserve's existing site plan.
3. Official Township Flags-Supervisor would like to proceed with possibly having a Township Flag. Supervisor will follow up.
4. Election recap-Clerk gave a recap of Tuesday's election. Clerk apologized for mistakes made during this election. The candidates for Precinct Delegate did not file with the Township Clerk but with the County Clerk. She did not realize that one of the candidates' mother was one of the new Poll workers. In fact the mother also did not know her son was on the ballot. The race was uncontested, so the mistake did not affect the race, but the clerk still apologized for the oversight.

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident commented on what happened to the millage for the County that appeared in 1999 for bike paths? The bike paths seem not to have occurred and the County rerouted the money to Open Space Purchase or other Park's & Rec needs.

A resident volunteered his files on the Erin Preserve, and comments were given on the ongoing difficulties with the Ervin Preserve.

Being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Riley, seconded by Mull to adjourn, Board approved, meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Cynthia J. Carver

Bridgewater Township Clerk